

I am opposed to this proposal to loosen limits on the number of broadcast station licenses a single operator may hold.

Consolidation may offer financial advantages to the licensee, but it fails a primary test first set out in the early days of radio broadcasting: Licensees hold their licenses as a public trust, and their first and foremost mission is to serve the public interest, convenience and necessity.

The current ownership restrictions do not prevent a well run company from making a profit. Relaxing the restrictions would increase those profits, yes, but it would simultaneously reduce the diversity of viewpoints offered the American people and harm our nation.

I urge the Commissioners to reject the relaxation of ownership restrictions -- or at least to postpone their vote until those studies which are already underway can be reviewed and public hearings on the issue may be held.